



# 2002 Census of Agriculture County Profile

## Okeechobee, Florida

### Number of farms

638 farms in 2002, 633 farms in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Land in farms

392,495 acres in 2002, 388,806 acres in 1997, up 1 percent.

### Average size of farm

615 acres in 2002, 614 acres in 1997, up slightly.

### Market Value of Production

\$144,376,000 in 2002, \$138,143,000 in 1997, up 5 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$36,677,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$107,699,000 of the total value in 2002.

### Market Value of Production, average per farm

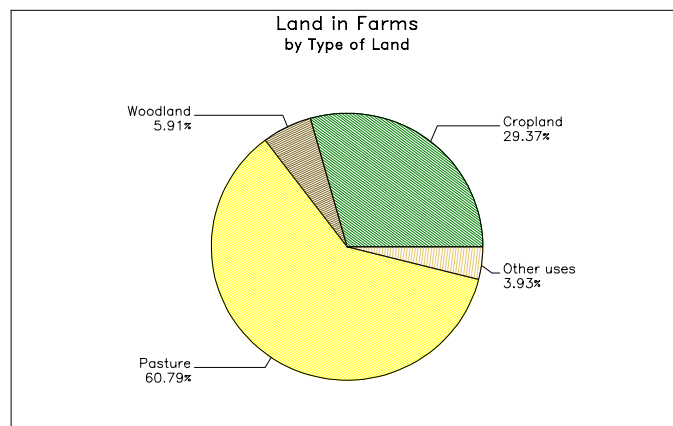
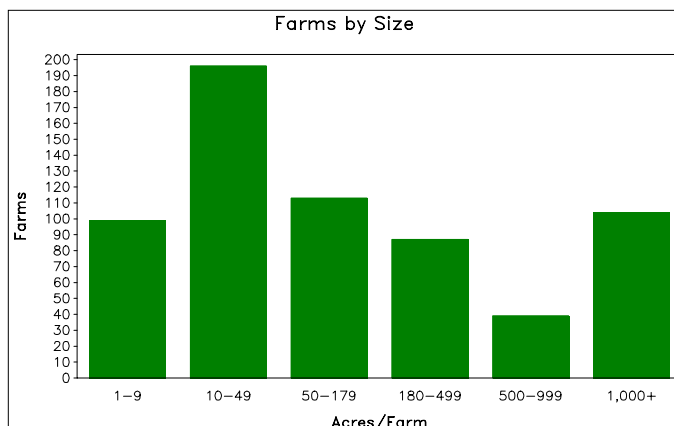
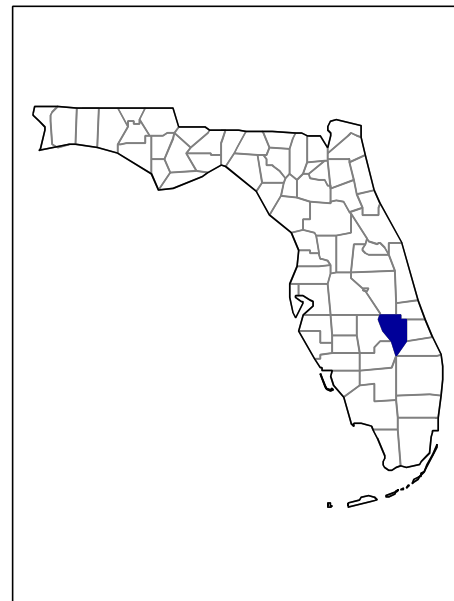
\$226,295 in 2002, \$218,235 in 1997, up 4 percent.

### Government Payments

\$405,000 in 2002, \$36,000 in 1997, up 1,025 percent.

### Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$17,627 in 2002, \$1,901 in 1997, up 827 percent.



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**Ranked items among the 67 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002**

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Rank	Universe <sup>1</sup>
<b>MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)</b>					
Total value of agricultural products sold	144,376	13	67	266	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	36,677	26	66	708	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	107,699	1	67	187	3,070
<b>VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)</b>					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	49	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	14	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	12	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	13,073	12	62	137	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	19,626	17	65	82	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	3,848	42	65	536	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	-	-	36	-	1,774
Other crops and hay	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	3,046
Poultry and eggs	1	61	66	2,585	2,918
Cattle and calves	27,758	1	66	332	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	79,389	1	52	40	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	61	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	142	35	64	1,438	3,014
Aquaculture	140	29	53	512	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	65	(D)	2,727
<b>TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)</b>					
Cattle and calves	142,656	1	66	63	3,059
All Goats	(D)	1	64	(D)	2,971
Sheep and lambs	1,737	1	57	634	2,867
Horses and ponies	1,320	20	65	920	3,065
Colonies of bees	323	43	64	733	2,392
<b>TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)</b>					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,173	3	65	1,140	3,059
Oranges	10,931	15	44	20	123
All Vegetables harvested	(D)	11	62	(D)	2,710
Grapefruit	2,087	8	40	12	88
Sod harvested	2,015	12	45	44	740

**Other County Highlights**

Economic Characteristics	Quantity	Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales		Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Less than \$1,000	166	Farming	354
\$1,000 to \$2,499	83	Other	284
\$2,500 to \$4,999	80		
\$5,000 to \$9,999	62	Principal operators by sex:	
\$10,000 to \$19,999	39	Male	560
\$20,000 to \$24,999	23	Female	78
\$25,000 to \$39,999	27		
\$40,000 to \$49,999	16	Average age of principal operator (years)	56.7
\$50,000 to \$99,999	58		
\$100,000 to \$249,999	30	All operators <sup>2</sup> by race:	
\$250,000 to \$499,999	17	White	926
\$500,000 or more	37	Black or African American	-
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	125,477	American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Average per farm (\$)	197,602	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
		Asian	6
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	22,223	More than one race	-
Average per farm (\$)	34,997	All operators <sup>2</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	46

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

<sup>1</sup> Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

<sup>2</sup> Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.